

**Town of Rowe - FY 2015**  
**Board of Selectmen – Minutes**  
**Wednesday January 14, 2015 – 3:00 pm**  
**Rowe Town Hall**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 3:00 pm.

**Present:** Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Susan Gleason, Selectman Quist and Administrative Clerk Janice Boudreau

**Audience:** Jim Drawe, Ron Gordon, Rosie Gordon, Russ Jolly, Joe Markarian, Mitch Soviecke, Ray Wilson, Wayne Zavotka

**Minutes**

**Minutes of December 17, 2014:** Following review, Chair Wilson made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 17, 2014 with corrections. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (2/0/1)

**Old Business**

1. Prior Year Bills----Gary Blau's email- Chair Wilson presented Select Board Members with an email from Gary Blau, Tax Council from Bureau of Municipal Finance Law who explained how to handle prior year's invoices in the current fiscal year.
2. Earned Time and Federal Holidays: Chair Wilson asked to revisit Earned Time and to consider Federal Holidays be included in the Earned Time Bank. A full time person would get the full rate and the part-time person would get a prorated amount. There was discussion about limiting the amount of time an employee could accrue to be up to 90 days or 720 hours.

**Motion to Include Federal Holidays Be Included in Earned Time:** Following discussion, Chair Wilson made a motion to include Federal Holidays in the Earned Time Bank. The motion, seconded by Walt Quist, was accepted. (3/0/0)

3. Highway Superintendent Request: Highway Superintendent asked Select Board to consider whether he could be allowed compensatory time since he serves on a salaried position and has been performing an inordinate amount of overtime each week due to winter conditions. Following review, it was agreed that due to the increase of winter time hours Highway Superintendent will be allowed to take compensatory time.
4. Town Counsel writing letter concerning dogs: A copy of a letter from Town Counsel to a Town resident giving formal notice of Making Dogs Available for Adoption from the regional adoption center was reviewed by Select Board Members.
5. Facilities Manager Job Description: It was agreed to table to work on next meeting.
6. Fix date to meet with Joe Maruca for discussion of report on Fire Department: Dates were discussed for Select Board to meet with Joe Maruca.

## New Business

1. Joe Markarian and Discussion of Funding Options for Broadband: Joe Markarian, Consultant to FRCOG, a former Technical Director of the State Division of Local Services met with Select Board Members to discuss the costs involved with providing broadband services to each household in Town. He discussed financing options to fund the Rowe share and what the state may provide in matching funds. The actual cost versus estimated cost could be determined once the cost of the poles and making them ready and how many structures would take the service. Rowe's share was likely to be in the vicinity of \$782,000.00 which will need to be funded by a bond. Mr. Markarian provided figures for borrowing and the likely cost.
2. Discuss School Committee's Vote to Have Rowe Join the MRTSD Grades 7-12: Rowe School Committee to join the MRTSD Grades 7-12 to be put on Town Meeting Warrant and for Member towns to vote include on their Warrants July 2016. School Committee Chair Lisa Danek said there would be an informational public meeting to discuss the issue.
3. Charlemont Ambulance no Longer servicing Rowe. Discuss new Service Zone: It was agreed to table to work on next meeting.
4. Old Home Day Committee Request: Old Home Day (OHD) Committee Chair Paul McLatchy III requested appointments to the OHD Committee.

**Motion to Appoint:** At the request of Old Home Day Committee Chair Paul McLatchy III, Chair Wilson made a motion to appoint Joann Brown, Loretta Dionne, Paul McLatchy III, Jennifer Morse, Ellynn Packard, Mary Paige, Brandon Sprague, Robin Reed and Shawna Warden to the Old Home Day Committee. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

5. Review FRCOG Request for Support Letter- SAPC: Chair Wilson read a draft support letter provided by MA Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC), a program of the Franklin County Regional Governments (FRCOG). Following review and discussion it was agreed to table the item with no further action and notify FRCOG of the decision.
6. Appoint Delegate to WiredWest and an Alternate: Chair Wilson indicated Delegate David Dvore was away so she was attending the WiredWest Meetings. David agreed to remain on the committee as a delegate.

**Motion to Appoint Delegate:** Following discussion, Vice-Chair Gleason made a motion to have Chair Wilson serve as the delegate to WiredWest with David Dvore as an alternate. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (2/0/1)

7. Treasurer Request for Advance of Funds: Town Treasurer Gore requested Select Board Members vote to approve an Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing for the Amount of \$110,000.00 from Stabilization Fund.

**Motion to Approve:** Chair Wilson made a motion to approve the request of Town Treasurer for Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing for the Amount of \$110,000.00 from Stabilization Fund. The motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0).

8. Security System Quote: A proposal was submitted by Detectoguard of Greenfield for the amount of \$5475.00 for a security camera system for town buildings.

**Motion to Accept Proposal:** Chair Wilson made a motion to accept the proposal for the security camera system of \$5475.00 from Detectoguard of Greenfield, MA. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was unanimously accepted. (3/0/0)

## Old Business

Review Warrant : FY15W15 and FY15PW15

Audience of Citizens: None

## Adjournment:

Seeing no further business, Chair Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion, seconded by Selectman Quist, was accepted. (3/0/0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau

Approval Date:

FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Approved:

Marilyn Wilson  
Marilyn Wilson, Chair

Susan Gleason  
Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

Walter J. Quist  
Walter J. Quist, Selectman

## Attachments:

- Agenda 01/14/15
- Letter from Gary Blau, Tax Counsel (2 pages)
- SAPC Memo and Draft Letter (3 pages)
- OHD Memo from Paul McLatchy III
- Town Counsel Letter to Ms. Bryant